

Fun Money

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Editor's Note

Well, we had some nice comments about the use of color, so we continue to use it for this issue. A few more articles could have been used, but thanks goes to those who provided stories, pictures, and comments.

Every year about this time we give some thought to what the newsletter is providing the members. With the huge increase in on-line resources many newsletters have been experiencing a decline in readership. As it stands right now, we have 53 members, which is enough to continue. As usual, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

This issue contains these stories and features.

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Since this issue completes another year for *The American Play Money Society*, it is time for payment of annual dues again. With printing costs reduced we are able to keep the dues at \$7.00 once again! (\$9.00 for a family membership.) So, use the enclosed coupon and send those dues in while you're thinking about it.



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TREASURER'S REPORT



by Barbara Phillips

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Coins of 'the other' Cody

By David Evans

APMS members may be interested to hear of a small group of three toy coins featuring "Colonel" Samuel Franklin Cody. The coins are made of brass and have a diameter of 12.6 or 12.7 mm (approximately one half inch). All three coins are extremely rare and were first published in England by Dr. David Rogers in his book Toy Coins (Galata 1990). He made the assumption that these were American, due no doubt to the fact that S.F. Cody is shown on each obverse with long flowing hair and wearing Wild West gear; looking very much like Buffalo Bill. Rogers comments "William Cody (Buffalo Bill) toured Europe but S.F. Cody is unknown." Recently published material has; however, revealed that in his own lifetime S.F. Cody was one of the most famous men in England. His story is fascinating.

He was born in Davenport, Iowa in 1867 and christened Franklin Samuel Cowdery. He seems to have been skilled with the lasso, roping calves from the age of six. At fourteen he moved to Montana and made a living breaking in horses. He progressed to cattle-trail cowboy and trail boss. Some time in the early 1880s he is thought to have led a remarkable cattle drive from Texas to Montana losing only 74 head from a herd of 3,275 cattle.

He then took to gold prospecting in the Klondyke, but as this was unsuccessful turned to mustanging. By 1888 the cattle industry was in decline and he, like many others made for Europe where Wild West shows were all the rage.

In Europe he started a new career in Wild West shows and used the alias Samuel Franklin Cody, a quite deliberate ploy to make people assume he was related to Buffalo Bill. S.F. Cody and his wife Maud (who was from a well to do Pennsylvania family) went to work in a show called "Wild West Burlesque". Her part in the act was to stand a distance from him with glass spheres held close to her body; he then shot at them, often using mirrors!

The "Wild West Burlesque" was closed down after a legal action brought by Buffalo Bill who claimed rights to the term "Wild West". Later S.F. Cody and his wife set up a show of their own, claiming to be Buffalo Bill's children. Once again Buffalo Bill's lawyers took action and closed S.F. Cody down. Unsurprisingly Maud left him for good. Soon, however, S.F. Cody found the love of his life, Lela Davis. Like Maud she too took part in his act whilst the glass balls were shattered by Cody's pistols.

In 1892 S.F. Cody and Lela went to Paris where their act was a tremendous success, indeed he was billed as "The King of Cowboys". Whilst in France S.F. Cody took part in a horse versus velocipede race, he rode a horse competing against a champion cyclist, and won the prize of 10,000 Francs. This race is shown of the reverse of one of Cody's three toy coins.

Back in England in the late 1890s Cody invented a rapid firing pistol but he failed to sell the patent to the British army. However his own show "The Klondyke Nugget" was playing to packed houses. This show featured trick shooting, knife battles, galloping horses and "warring" Red Indians. The climax of the show featured Cody ascending into the air inside a gigantic kite. THE KLONDYKE NUGGET is advertised on the reverse sides of both the other two Cody toy coins.

Into the Edwardian era Cody went on with kite flying in a big way. The British Army saw military applications in kite flying and Cody eventually became the British Army's Chief Kite Instructor. King Edward VII, himself an admirer of Cody, nicknamed him "Colonel". By 1908 Cody was chosen as the pilot of "Army Aeroplane No 1" but his career as an army pilot was short-lived for his flight in this machine was about a quarter of a mile, at a height of around 30 feet and lasting for just 27 seconds.

Having been dismissed by the army Cody went on to design and build his own aeroplane "The Flying Cathedral" (a large biplane). This plane won great fame in a race called the Circuit of Britain Challenge. A later version of "The Flying Cathedral" won prize money of £5000 put up by the army! The Royal Aero Club awarded Cody their gold medal and King George V personally telegrammed Cody his congratulations.

Coins of 'the other' Cody (Continued)

In 1913 Lord Northcliffe, the owner of national newspaper The Daily Mail, offered prizes of £5000 and £10,000 respectively for the Round Britain Race and a Transatlantic crossing. In response Cody built a new aeroplane which was at first tested successfully. On August 7th 1913 Cody and a passenger took the plane up for further testing but tragically it fell from the sky and they were both killed instantly.

Samuel Franklin Cody was buried at the military cemetery in Aldershot, Hampshire, England on August 11th 1913. His coffin was placed on a gun carriage drawn by six black horses and escorted by pipers of The Black Watch. The mile long cortege was observed by more than 100,000 people who had come to pay their last respects. The cowboy from Iowa had become a British national hero.

The three coins featuring S.F. Cody must date from the 1890s as they advertise Cody's horseback victory over the velocipede and his show "The Klondyke Nugget". They are of a size, fabric and quality of execution to suggest that they are the work of the Lauer factory in Nuremberg, Germany but they are unsigned. It seems likely in view of the obverse legend S.F. CODY HAS ARRIVED that they were used to promote his show.

Type 1 Obverse 1: Profile of S.F. Cody facing left with the legend: S.F. CODY HAS ARRIVED/Reverse 1: THE KLONDYKE NUGGET in three lines. 12.7mm.

Type 2 Obverse 2: Profile of S.F. Cody facing left without any legend/Reverse 1: THE KLONDYKE NUGGET in three lines. 12.7mm.

Type 3 Obverse 1: Profile of S.F. Cody facing left with the legend: S.F. CODY HAS ARRIVED/Reverse 2: GRAND MATCH above the scene of the horse versus velocipede race. CODY below. 12.6mm.

All are brass and have plain (unmilled) edges. An Obverse 2/Reverse 2 coin could exist..



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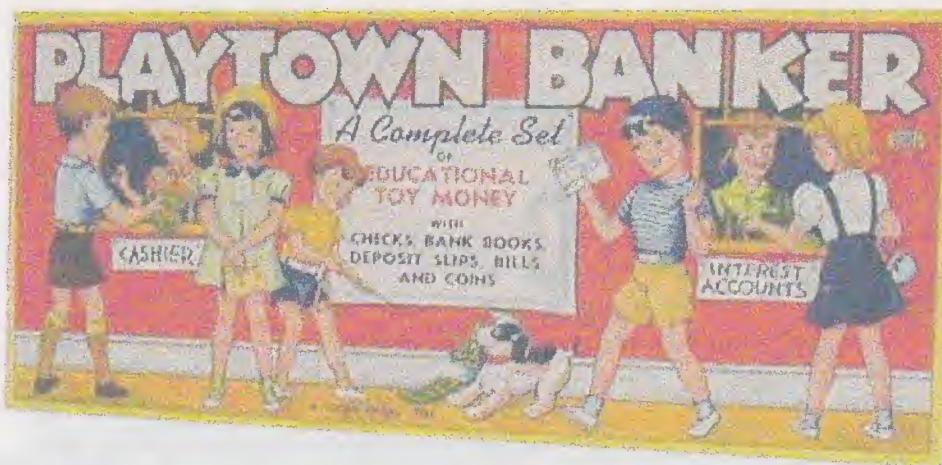
PLAY TOWN BANKER SET

By Don Kolkman

This set is a nice recent find. The box says it is No. 1012 and is copyrighted 1938. It measures 14 3/4 inches by 6 1/2 inches by 1 inch deep. The contents are as follows:

Bills: 10 x \$1, 5 x \$5, 5 x \$10, and 5 x \$20.

Coins: 9 x 50¢, 8 x 25¢, 11 x 10¢, 12 x 5¢, and 20 x 1¢.



The bills are shown about actual size.



Playtown Banker Set (Continued)

The coins are also shown
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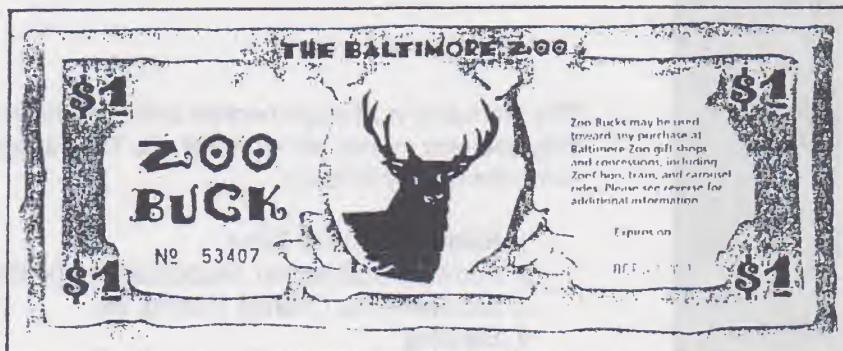
By Millard W. Hajek

Recently, my wife and I visited The Baltimore Zoo to see the zoo's family of animals and to add a Maryland collectible to my "funny money" collection. The weather was perfect for strolling through the park, the snacks hit the spot and besides we did our walking exercise too!

The Baltimore Zoo Bucks

Illustrated below at half scale (50% actual size) is the front and back of a Baltimore Zoo Buck. The scrip is 8 1/2 " x 3 5/8" in size and is printed in orange and dark green colors on white paper. The face of the note features a stag in the center with a significant antler rack, a black serial number in the lower left, an expiration date stamped in red in the lower right, and to the right of the stag, "The zoo bucks may be used toward any purchase at The Baltimore Zoo gift shops and concessions, including Zoo Choo, Tram and Carousel rides." The back displays a grove of four evergreen trees in the center and to the right gives additional information on it's usage limitations: "Zoo Bucks may not be used for admission to the Zoo, Zoo Lights, Zoomerang, camel rides, climbing wall, or other events; membership; animal adoptions; education classes; rentals; or bricks. No photocopies or facsimiles. Zoo Bucks are not exchangeable for cash."

Zoo Bucks are offered to existing members as an incentive to renew their membership. Usually, five Zoo Bucks in \$1 denominations are given and are valid for a period of six months as an effort to encourage members to visit the zoo. The Zoo Bucks program was started in 1998 and has used the same design and \$1 value since inception. My sincere thanks to Erika O'Brien, membership staff, who was very kind in providing the above information for this article on The Baltimore Zoo Bucks.

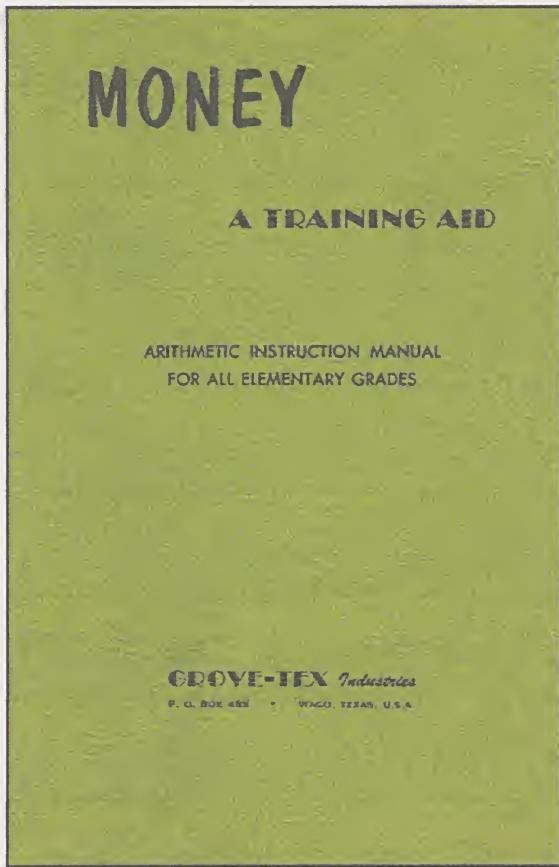
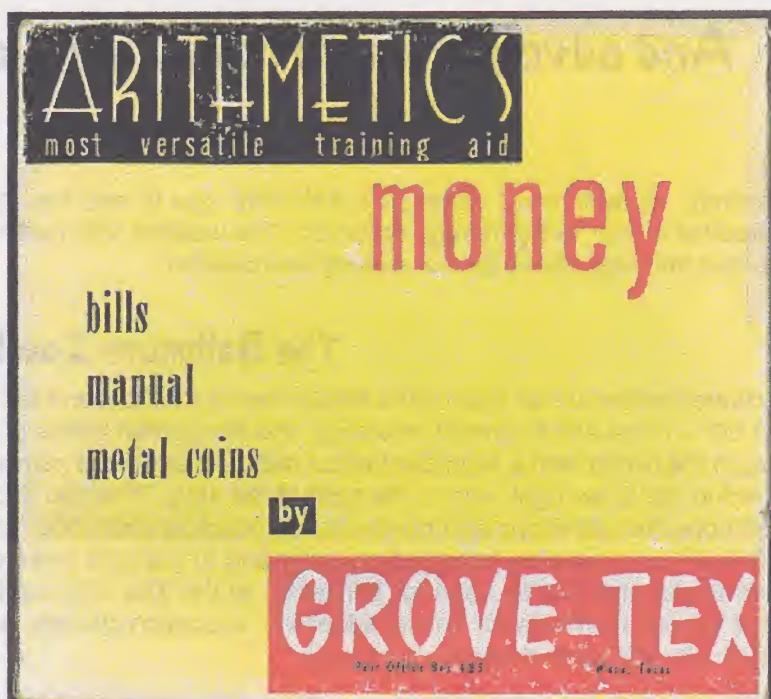


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GROVE-TEX Arithmetic's money

By Jack Phillips

Most of us have some Grove-Tex play money in our collection and we know it came from more than one place. I recently bought a box with lots of bills and coins that was a different type than any I had seen before. The box is 11 3/4 inches wide by 10 3/4 inches tall and 1 3/4 inches deep and says it is "Grove-Tex School Kit No. 100". It had been used so some of the contents may be missing, but there are still lots of bills, coins and a manual. The manual says that it should contain about 890 coins representing pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and half dollars, and approximately 500 bills in one, five, ten, twenty, and one hundred dollar denominations.



The manual is a 24-page booklet that explains why they use play money as a training aid. They suggest using the money to teach:

1. Relative Value of Coins.
2. Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division.
3. Storekeeping, Change Making, etc.
4. Banking.
5. Budgeting.
6. Function of Money as a Medium of Exchange.

It covers these and other uses for each grade from the first through the eighth.



GROVE-TEX Arithmetic's money (Continued)

The bills are all the same, except for the denomination, and are shown actual size.



The aluminum coins are of the "Uncle Sam" type and are of the sizes listed in Richard Clothier's book (U-27 through U-102). The half-dollar coin is shown about twice actual size. This kit has the following dates of each of the coins: 50¢ = 1972Q; 25¢ = 1969B; 10¢ = 1970Q; 5¢ = 1970Q; and 1¢ = 1970B. Each denomination comes in a round, plastic container that holds all of that particular value.

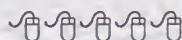


So now we know one more way this nice play money was used and distributed. My collection is certainly heavy with these years now!

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Found on The Web



This game, "Drive-In", was seen on the on-line eBay auction site and provided us with a look at the source of some coins without identification that many of us have in our collections. It appears that there are six denominations (10, 50, 100, 500, 1000, and 5000) in three colors (red, white, and blue).

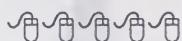


These Wheaties cereal boxes were also spotted on the eBay Auction site. There are 2 boxes shown in the picture and on one portion, just to the right of the yellow play coins, it says:

"It takes 2 Wheaties Packages to Make 1 toy grocery store. This is package No. 2."

It appears in the picture that there are only 3 denominations, 1¢, 5¢, and 25¢, but there could be more on other panels of these or other boxes.

Once again, the cereal box collectors thought this was worth more than your editor could justify. But it is sure nice; does anyone have this in their collection?



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Milk Cap Money

By Jack Phillips

These caps were purchased from a man in Hawaii and appear to have been used in that state. They are each about 1 5/8 inches in diameter, blank on the reverse, and made of heavy, white cardboard. Shown here are the six known denominations: 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 caps.



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VICTOR SHOE CO. PREMIUM MONEY

By Jack Phillips

This aluminum token measures about 1 1/8 inch in diameter. The side that says "Premium Money" is similar to the Red Goose Premium Money coins. It is the only one I have seen like this. Perhaps there are others?



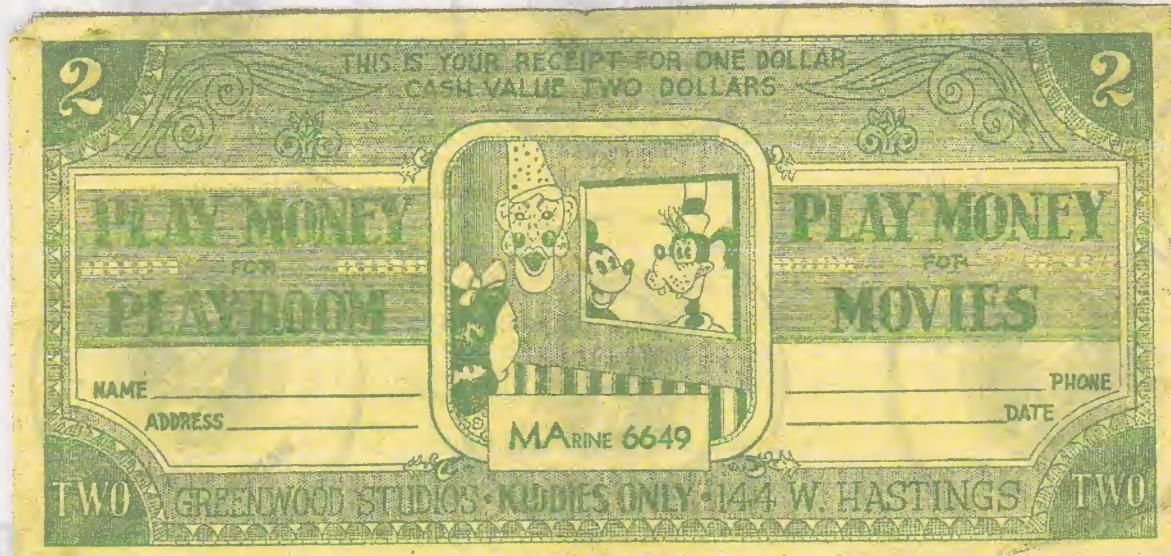
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PLAY MONEY FOR MOVIES

By Jack Phillips

All that is known about this interesting, old bill is what is written on it. It was purchased on the eBay auction site and the seller had no additional information about it. Both sides are shown at the actual size of 6 inches by 2 7/8 inches. Even though it is in aged condition it appears that the original paper was a pale yellow to accent the green print.

Perhaps one of our alert members can match the Greenwood Studios name with the address of 144 W. Hastings and provide us with a location where it was used. I would bet the Greenwood folks didn't get permission to use the Disney characters shown since there isn't any credit given. Maybe things were a bit more easy going back then regarding copyrights.



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Play Coins of The World (P-151) Update

Richard Clothier and Bob Nolan provided several additions to the Play Coins of The World table in Fun Money #18 (page 13), so rather than just list them individually we have elected to print another more complete table.

Country	Blue	Plated Brass	Plated Copper	Gray	Green	Gold Plastic (no plt)	Red	Plated Silver	Yellow
Argentina	10		100, P151		5		25		1, P152
Belgium	10	100	25, 100		5			50	1 100, P153
Brazil	10, P156		50	25, P155	5			50, P154	
Canada	10		100		5			50, P157	
China	10		100, P158		5, P159			50	1
Cuba			25, P160 50, 100					100	1
Egypt	10		25 100, P161		5			50	1
England	10				5			50 100, P162	1
Finland	10, P165		25, P164 100, P163		5		10	50 100	
France	10		100		5, P166			100	1
Greece	10		25 100, P167		5	50	25	50	
Holland		100	100	100	5, P169			50, P168	1
India			25		5	1	25, P170	50	1, 10
Iran	10		25, P172 100		5			50, P171	1
Israel	10		100		5			50, P173	1
Italy	10		100		5			100	1, P174
Japan	10		25, P175		5				1
Mexico	10		25					25, P177 50, P176	1 25
Norway	10		25, P179 100		5			50, P178	1
Peru	10, P181		25		5	5		50, P180	1
Russia	10		25, 100					50	1
Spain	10	100, P182	25 50		5			50	1
Sweden	10		50, P183 25, 100		5, P184			50	
Turkey	10, P185		25, 100		5				1



From Members

From Randy Partin:

I recently found another Old West Trail token that seems to be different from my original list and that of Franc Conner. It has the same Buffalo head reverse as the others and is the same size. (Crazy Horse is pictured below.)



From Jack Phillips:

While browsing through a small antique mall in West Plains, Missouri, Barbara spotted a small zip lock bag with coin type objects hanging high on a peg board. I looked at it and spotted what appeared to be a Cracker Jack coin, so we paid the \$2.00 asking price and proceeded on. That night in the motel I dumped out the 5 items and here is what I found: 3 blue OPA points, 1 Robin Hood 5 Play Money coin, and a Cancelled Cracker Jack coin! Unfortunately, the Cracker Jack piece seems to be mutilated. Somewhere along the way the edges appear to have been cut down for some unknown reason. The edges do show some wear, but I have never heard of one this size. It is shown below somewhat larger than its actual size of 20 mm. Since it is my only cancelled coin it goes into the collection.



From Richard Clothier:

While on vacation in Pennsylvania, I stopped at Renninger's Antique Market in Kutztown, PA. Among the hundreds of dealers was a place called the Purple Cow, which specialized in milk related items. When I asked about play money I was told that during the 1930's depression many dairies used play money bottle caps. Children did not have money to buy real toys so this was a popular idea. The owner, Ralph Rivo, showed me a group of about 30 play money milk caps, many of which I had never seen before. I bought the ones I didn't have and thought that I would let the club members know about this treasure chest.

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